

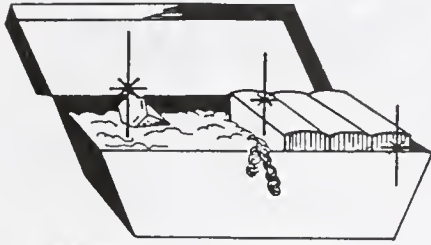
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## BOOK SELECTION

The main goal of the Montana Talking Book Library is to supply people with books they enjoy. Are you getting the titles you want to read? Here are some things you can do to help us meet your reading needs:

1. Whenever possible, DO YOUR OWN SELECTIONS from the wide variety of catalogs available. Read the annotation in the catalogs and decide if this is a book you might like.

2. Work with your Reader's Advisor to identify the titles, authors or subject areas you enjoy. If you

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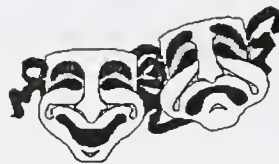
3. If you do not find a specific title or author in the catalog, check with us to see if it has been recorded. National Library Service records about 150 new titles a month.

4. Remember the titles are chosen from your request file chronologically. The requests you sent in last year get chosen before the one you sent in last week. If you read several books a week, you will need a larger request file. However, if you read two books a month, it will take you much longer to get through a large request file.

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5. Understand the difference between **request** and **reserve**. Most books you ask for will be treated as requests, will be entered into the computer and sent when they are available. If there are many **requests** for the same book you may have to wait to receive it. However, if there is a particular book you want to read above all others, ask a reader's advisor if you may **reserve** that book. If copies are available and there are not many people waiting for the book, the reader's advisor will put it on **reserve**. A book on **reserve** will go in addition to your regular requests. You may still experience a waiting period; but patrons who **reserve** a book are guaranteed top priority to receive a copy. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS FEATURE! Use it only for special purposes so we can continue to meet the needs of all our patrons.

6. If you have any questions **CALL**. We have no way of knowing you have a problem or a question unless you communicate with us. The toll free number (1-800-332-3400) is there for you to use.



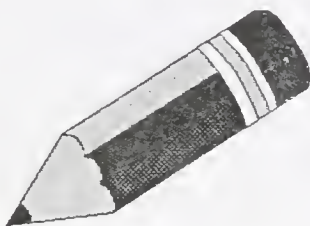
## DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOS

The Montana Talking Book Program has descriptive videos to lend to our patrons. A descriptive video is a regular video cassette with a narrator who describes the action during pauses in the dialogue. To play the descriptive videos you will need a TV and a VCR(video cassette recorder). This program is working well and there are several titles that have no waiting list; for example, Terms of Endearment, Pretty Woman, Three Men and a Baby, Beverly Hills Cop, Beaches, El Dorado and several others. Requesting several videos improves your chances of receiving one.

New titles are: Beethoven, Girl of the Limberlost, The Chronicles of Narnia (The Silver Chair), Eyes on the Prize (the Civil Rights Movement from 1957 -1965), PBS's nine part series on The Civil War, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, The Addams Family,

Patriot Games, The Mighty Ducks,  
Disney's Aladdin, Homeward  
Bound: The Incredible Journey,  
Honey, I Blew Up the Kids, The  
Miracle of Life, Last Stand at Little  
Big Horn, and Amelia Earhart: the  
Price of Courage.

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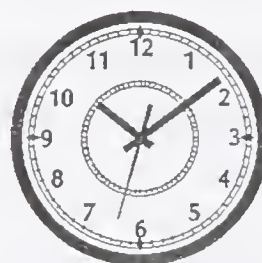
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assistance of a skilled cyclist on the

front. Duane Smelser (721-3373) is  
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## GOOD CLEAN BOOKS



When looking for good clean books to read, don't forget the classics of our childhood. Why not re-read Kidnapped or Swiss Family Robinson? If you enjoyed the TV series then ask for the Little House on the Prairie books. The Anne of Green Gables series and the Emily books are also good summer reading.



## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Regional Librarian Sandra Jarvie and Reader's Advisor Darla Carlson recently attended a conference of the National Library Service for the

Blind and Physically Handicapped in Denver, Colorado. It was an intense and informative week. Librarians from all over the country got together to discuss common problems and concerns with representatives of the Library of Congress from Washington, D.C. One of the highlights of the trip was a talk by Bob Aske. Mr. Aske is a nationally known narrator of talking books. We also had the opportunity to meet other well known narrators who record for Talking Book Publishers, Inc. Before a tour of their recording studios, several narrators, including Jill Ferris, Bob Butz, and Maggie Welch, visited with us and answered questions about themselves and their jobs.

## HONORED VISITOR

On May 23rd and 24th Steve Prine, Head of Network Service, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped) visited the Montana Talking Book Library to evaluate the service and answer questions. Steve was also one of the guest speakers for our volunteer recognition dinner.



## **VOLUNTEERS HONORED**

On May 23, 1994 we held our annual volunteer recognition dinner at Frontier Town. Steve Prine from National Library Service and Pat Dome, President of the Montana Association of the Blind, were the guest speakers. About 85 volunteers, spouses, and staff attended.

Colleen Mockler was honored as the Narrator of the Year. Volunteers recognized for 5 years of service were Vic Richer, Rose Mary Rouble, and Connie Denler. The following people gave at least 200 hours in 1993: Edith Tanna, Mary Nichols, Millie Huxley, Lynn Keltz, Phyllis Herbert, Harry Fay, Jean Schellenberger, Tom Basinger, Kathleen "Cookie" Basinger and Bev Hill. The library depends on volunteers every day and their devotion and hard work is truly appreciated.

## **FAMILY READING PROGRAM**

June 20 to August 19 is the time for the Family Reading Program. The theme this year is "Reading is a

Natural" with the emphasis on animals of Montana.



The children may read animal stories or any book they chose. The children are asked to call or write the library to talk about the books they read. Prizes

are given at the end of the program for the most books read. 32 children are signed up for the reading fun.

## **NEW MAGAZINE**



Falcon Magazine is a new children's magazine available for loan on cassette. It has articles for children ages 8-14 about wildlife, nature, outdoor fun, and environmental issues. It is published by Falcon Press for the Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks.



## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Received since last newsletter

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have given to the Talking Book Library through your memorial and donation gifts (10/93 through 6/94).

### DONATIONS

Elizabeth Armitage  
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## MONTANA CASSETTE BOOKS UPDATE

The following Montana books have been completed since you received our last newsletter. If you would like to order books from this list, check the space before the MCB number and return this sheet to the library.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 138 **GRIZZLY COUNTRY** by Andy Russell. All about grizzly bears: habitat, life cycle, temperament, etc. Nar: Vic Richer, 3 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 199 **THE ONLY GOOD BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR** by Jeanette Producers. Stories by and about people encountering bears in every situation. Nar: Mary Zednick, 3 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 201 **ONE-EYED DREAM** by Terry Johnston. Historical western. Explicit descrip. sex, strong lang. Nar: Karl Gratzner, 5 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 209 **DARK WATERS** by Russell Chatham. Contemporary articles and essays about fish and game hunting. Explicit descriptions of sex, strong lang. Nar: Richard Smith, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 230 **RUNAWAY** by Mary Clearman Blew. Contemporary short stories with Montana settings and themes. Nar: Elizabeth Pofahl, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 232 **A MAJORITY OF SCOUNDRELS** by Don Berry. An historical western. Get a realistic picture of fur trappers through their own letters and diaries. Nar: Ray Venzke, 4 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 237 **PIONEERING IN MONTANA** by Stuart Granville. Nar: Curt Paulson, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ MCB 241 **THE HORSECATCHER** by Mari Sandoz. Young adult book about a Cheyenne boy who learns moral and physical courage as a horse catcher. Nar: Bonnie Heidel, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 250 **NOBODY'S ANGEL** by Tom McGuaine. A soldier returns home to Montana and is faced with family problems. Nar: Bob Vanisko, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 251 **BROTHER VAN** by Alson J. Smith. A compelling, inspiring and often exciting biography of the legendary Methodist Minister who founded numerous Montana institutions. Nar: Bill Porter, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 253 **TO BE WANTED AT CHRISTMASTIME** by Gerald Sullivan. Three Christmas stories set in Montana towns. Nar: Bonnie Heidel, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 257 **AMERICAN FRONTIER TALES** by Helen A. Howard. Nar: Ruth Ann Massey, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 258 **MONTANA PASSAGE** by H. Henderson and L. Small. Proving up a homestead in Montana in 1914. Nar: Neil Hage, 2 cass.


\_\_\_\_ MCB 260 **GRANDPA'S EXTRA SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PRESENT** by Gerald Sullivan. Four short stories about teachers and students. Nar: Barb Harris, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 261 **THE SOUND OF CHRISTMASTIME** by Gerald Sullivan. Christmas stories in Montana. Nar: Bill Porter, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 262 **DIAMONDS IN THE SNOW** by Mary Leffingwell. Author's childhood reminiscences. Her mother, Dorothy Bridgman, was one of the state's first blind orientation and mobility teachers. Nar: Lea Blunn, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 263 **THE PURPLE LAMP** by Ann Teigen. Novel about the hardships of pioneering in the Lewistown/Grass Range area. Nar: Joann Mayala, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 264 **MONTANA'S GALLATIN CANYON** by J. Cronin and D. Vick. The settling of the Gallatin Canyon from the 1800s to the building of the Big Sky Resort. Nar: Richard Smith, 2 cass.



\_\_\_\_ MCB 265 **THE HIGH TRAIL** by Elers Koch. Adventure story about an ill-fated hunting trip in the high mountains of Montana. Nar: James Persak, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 266 **GIRL OF THE LIMBERLOST** by Gene Stratton-Porter. Turn of the century story about young girl and her cold, indifferent mother. Nar: Colleen Mockler, 3 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 267 **IT HAPPENED IN MONTANA** by James Crutchfield. Thirty-four colorful episodes from Montana's provocative past. Nar: James Persak, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 268 **WHAT LAW THERE WAS** by Al Dempsey. Gritty novel about lawlessness of the Old West. Nar: Richard Smith, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 269 **MONTANA'S BRAND OF WESTERN HUMOR** by Albert Erickson. Humorous anecdotes and stories. Nar: Ray Venzke, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 272 **MONTANA WEATHER** compiled by Carolyn Cunningham. Featuring lots of weather records and information and a touch of fun. Nar: Brett Byers, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 273 **JOHN MEDICINEWOLF** by Michael Moon. Contemporary novel about a Lakota storyteller who has a vivid imagination. Nar: Ricky Davis, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 274 **MONTANA NATIVE PLANTS AND EARLY PEOPLES** by Jeff Hart. Handbook of plants used by Native Americans for medicinal purposes. Nar: Bonnie Heidel, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 275 **WARPATH** by Stanley Vestal. Biography of Sioux Chief White Bull. Nar: Richard Smith, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 276 **GROWING UP WESTERN**, Clarus Backes, ed. Famous authors talk about growing up in the west. Nar: Curt Paulson, 2 cass.

\_\_\_\_ MCB 277 **RESCUE JOSH MCGUIRE** by Ben Michaelson. Adventure story about a boy and an orphaned bear cub. Nar: Colleen Mockler, 2 cass.



\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 279 THE NINEMILE WOLVES** by Rick Bass. A compelling case for reintroducing wolves into Montana Parks. Nar: Paul Montgomery, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 280 GRINELL'S GLACIER** by Gerald Diettert. History and landscape of Glacier Park. Nar: Richard Smith, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 284 FOUR SEASONAL ESSAYS** by Ralph Beer. Ranch life in Montana spanning four generations. Nar: Bill Porter, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 285 PETER'S MOOSE** by Hughie Call. A young boy nurses an orphaned baby moose back to health. Nar: Brett Byers, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 286 WESTERN MONTANA** by John Alwin. The land and people of Western Montana. Nar: Richard Smith, 2c.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 287 FOURTEEN CENTS AND SEVEN GREEN APPLES** by Lee Rostad. Biography of sheep magnate Charles Bair. Nar: JoAnn Mayala, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 288 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK** by David Petersen. Animals and natural phenomenon that inhabit the Park. For children. Nar: Peter Langen, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 290 FOUR-LEGGED LEGENDS OF MONTANA** by Gayle Shirley. Ten true tales about famous Montana animals. Nar: Joan Bishop, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 291 MONTANA WILDFLOWERS** by Beverly Magley. Children's fieldguide to common Montana flowers. Nar: Barb Harris, 1 cass.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCB 294 EMBER AND HIS FRIENDS IN THE FORREST** by John Willard. Ember the kitten introduces young readers to his forest friends. Nar: Barb Harris, 1 cass.



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